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YOUNG BROTHERS CASH-STRAPPED

The interisland shipping company says its money will run dry by the end of July

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Hawaii interisland shipping lifeline Young Brothers LLC expects to run out of cash by the end of July if it can't get $25 million from the state or other financing.

The company conveyed this new description of distress to the state Public Utilities Commission on Friday after a plea earlier last week for PUC relief and state rescue cash.

Public comments also have been flowing to the PUC in recent days, conveying support for the company as well as opposition to service cuts and criticism of a state bailout.

In the supplemental filing, Hawaii's only regulated interisland ocean cargo carrier said it will need to increase customer rates and partially suspend certain kinds of cargo for some ports even if it obtains $25 million from the state's share of federal COVID-19 aid.

Another detail in the new filing is that Young Brothers, which received no COVID-19 federal aid, is exploring potential bank and other debt financing that could help what the company has described as an "extremely dire" financial condition after its parent, Seattle- based Saltchuk Resources Inc., decided to

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State to beef up virus staffers

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State health officials, building up a team of public health workers, plan to train 320 contact tracers by mid-July in anticipation of a surge in coronavirus cases as Hawaii reopens its economy.

Each worker will be able to trace up to 20 people daily to ensure those infected are isolated to stop the spread of the disease, Health Director Bruce Anderson told a Senate COVID-19 Committee on Tuesday. The tracers will use an app called SafePaths which collects the location data of COVID-19-positive patients and their contacts.

"Quarantines have been incredibly helpful in keeping people away that have COVID-19. As we look going forward we can see a lot more occurring," he said. "We do need to have the capability to respond quickly. We're in this for the long run."

Gov. David Ige is lifting the 14-day interisland travel quarantine June 16 to allow Hawaii residents to travel freely between islands and restore the local economy amid the coronavirus pandemic. Ige plans to announce a target date next week on when trans-Pacific travel can resume.

Hawaii began June with no new confirmed coronavirus cases in the islands, and there was just one new case on Oahu reported Tuesday, bringing the statewide total to 653. Health officials

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FOOD CRISIS

'The need has gotten worse'

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A line of vehicles waited Monday for food to be distributed at the Hauula Civic Center.

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The Show Aloha Challenge had its biggest food event so far Tuesday at Aloha Stadium.

Demand for food escalates as unemployment insurance complaints continue

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The couple of hundred vehicles that lined up Monday in front of the Hauula Community Association on Kukuna Road symbolized the growing demand for food across the islands while some furloughed and laid-off workers still cannot get unemployment insurance, are appealing their denials or just recently got approved after months of frustration.

"The need for food assistance is greater than ever, with demand for food more than doubling in the past few months," Hawaii Foodbank President and CEO Ron Mizutani told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser in a statement Monday. "Hawaii Foodbank distributed 2,079,178 pounds of food on Oahu and Kauai in April and an astonishing 3,746,136 pounds of food on both islands in May. The greatest challenge has been matching supply with unprecedented demands during COVID-19, while continuing to meet the needs of the one in eight Hawaii residents who were already struggling with food security."

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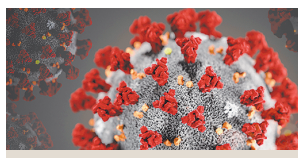
Volunteer Shawn Chang loaded boxes of food into Yanique Hadley's vehicle at the Ohana food distribution held Monday at the Hauula Civic Center.



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Military institutes "restriction of movement" for those traveling to Hawaii. **A4**

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Cafes in France reopen as Parisians socialize after an 11-week lockdown. **A9**

THE CASES
COVID-19-POSITIVE CASES
As of June 2 at noon

New cases: 1

COUNTY	NEW CASES
Honolulu	1
Hawaii	0
Maui	0
Kauai	0
Out-of-state Hawaii resident*	0
TOTAL	**653**
Deaths	17
Hospitalization	83
Released from isolation**	609
Active cases***	27

* Hawaii residents diagnosed out of state
** Includes infection cases that now meet the isolation release criteria
*** Active cases are those still requiring isolation

Source: State Department of Health

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